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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371

Attorney's Docket Number  
**LIFT-056/00US**

U.S. Application No.  
**Unassigned**

International Application. No.  
**PCT/US2004/026378**

International Filing Date  
**13 August 2004**

Priority Date Claimed  
**15 August 2003**

Title of Invention: **HYDROLYTICALLY STABLE ISOELECTRIC HYDROGEL COMPOSITIONS**

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ **A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.**
7. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).
11. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).

**Items 12. to 15. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.
13. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ Other items or information:

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16. ☒ The following fees are submitted:  
Basic National Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

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National Stage Basic Amount Fee			\$300.00	300.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).				
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5	X \$50.00	250.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	X \$200.00	200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	0.00
Application Size Fee - \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100				0.00
Search Fee				0.00
Examination Fee				0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>				750.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				375.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)).				
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				375.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The Assignment accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per				
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				375.00

- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1283 in the amount of **\$375.00** to cover the above fees.
- c. ☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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